

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A printing control method, comprising:

a data management ~~step of~~ operation comprising storing printing data received from a client device, in a storage means ~~part~~ in association with management information, and ~~of~~ transmitting said management information to said client device when a printing request received from the client device is a printing request of the type involving the transmission and reception of printing data;

~~a step of~~ referencing said storage means ~~part~~ and ~~of~~ reading out printing data associated with management information received from said client device when said printing request is of the type involving the transmission and reception of management information associated with the printing data in the data management ~~step~~ operation; and,

~~a step of~~ executing printing, ~~based on~~ using said received printing data or ~~on~~ said read-out printing data,

wherein said data management operation selects and deletes printing data using data selection priority information associated with said management information.

2. (canceled).

3. (currently amended): The printing control method according to Claim ~~2~~1, wherein said data management ~~step-operation~~ references a rule storage meanspart which stores at least one setting rule for said priority information, and sets said priority information.

4. (currently amended): The printing control method according to Claim 3, further comprising ~~a step of registering~~ setting rules in said rule storage ~~meanspart~~ based on ~~using~~ input from a user.

5. (currently amended): The printing control method according to Claim 3 or Claim 4, wherein said setting rules are composed ~~based on~~ using at least one among the time of storage, time of use, frequency of use, and data size of the printing data.

6. (currently amended): A printing system, comprising:
a data management meanspart for storing which stores printing data received from a client device in a storage meanspart in association with management information, and ~~for which~~ transmitting ~~transmits~~ management information to said client device when a printing request received from the client device is a printing request of the type involving the transmission and reception of printing data;

a referencing meanspart for which referencing ~~references~~ said storage ~~meanspart~~ and ~~for which reading~~ reads out printing data associated with management information received from said client device when said printing request is of the type involving the transmission and

reception of management information associated with the printing data by the data

~~management~~management meanspart; and,

an execution meanspart for which ~~executing~~executes printing, ~~based on~~using said
received printing data or ~~on~~said read-out printing data,

wherein said data management part selects and deletes printing data using data selection
priority information associated with said management information.

7. (currently amended): A printing system, comprising at least one client device and a
printing device configured to enable communication with said client device,

wherein said client device can output two types of printing requests, consisting of a first
type involving the transmission and reception of printing data and a second type involving the
transmission and reception of management information associated with printing data by the
printing device, and

wherein ~~said~~ printing device, upon receiving the first type of printing request from a
client device, stores printing data received from said client device in association with
management information in a storage meanspart, transmits said management information to said
client device, and executes printing ~~based on~~using said printing data; ~~and~~

~~whereas,~~wherein said printing device, upon receiving the second type of printing request
from a client device, references said storage ~~means~~part, reads out printing data associated with
management information received from said client device, and executes printing ~~based on~~using
said read-out printing data,

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wherein said printing system is configured to select and delete printing data using data selection priority information associated with said management information.